1	2	3	4	5
	(iii)	19.34	To make good the shortfall of Rs. 19.54 crores due to the difference in estimates of share of Central taxes as made by the Tenth Finance Commission and share of Central Taxes as provided in the Central Budget 1995-96.	Not agreed to.
	(iv)	18.00	Revalidation of the Special Plan Loan of Rs. 18 crores (out of the special plan loan of Rs. 30 crores) which was adjusted against the additional Central assistance of an equal amount.	Not agreed to.
	(v)	225.98	Write off of Rs. 225.98 crores of Central loans to the State.	Not agreed to.
10.	Punjab	250.00	For completion of Ranjit Sagar Hydro-electric Project (Thien Dam Project)	Not agreed to.
11.	Uttar Pradesh	200.00	Additional funds as W and M advance for clearance of pending bills of sugarcane growers	Not agreed to.

[Translation]

Prices of coal

459. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have raised the prices of coal of all grades recently;

(b) if so, the percentage of the said price rise in respect of the different grades of coal, grade-wise;

(c) the reasons for the said hike in the prices of coal;

(d) the number of times and extent of increase made in the prices of different grades of coal during the last two years;

(e) the likely impact of such price rise on power, cement and steel industry; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to provide superior quality of coal to these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. The Government has not raised the prices of coal recently.

Pricing of coking coal and A, B and C grades of non-coking coal has been deregulated by the Government with effect from 22.3.96. Accordingly, the Coal India Limited (CIL) have recently revised the prices of coking coal and A, B and C grades of non-coking coal on 20.10.96.

(b) The details of percentage increase in prices of coking coal, semi-coking coal and A, B and C grades of non-coking coal effected by CIL as on 20.10.96 over the prices fixed on 1.4.96 are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) The prices of the coking coal and A, B and C grades of non-coking coal have been increased to compensate for the increase in all input costs.

(d) The Government has not revised the administered prices of coal since 16.6.94 except that the prices of D,E,F and G grades of non-coking coal produced in Western Coalfields Limited were revised with effect from 22.3.96 raising them upto the existing grade price of Singareni Collieries Company Limited. Subsequent to deregulation of pricing of coking coal and A, B and C grades of non-coking coal, CIL has increased the prices of these deregulated varieties with effect from 1.4.96 and 20.10.96. The actual increases in prices of coal on 1.4.96 and on 20.10.96 have been 16% and 10% respectively.

(e) and (f). The likely impact of the recent price increase made by CIL on 20.10.96 on power, cement and steel industries are as under :

Power	Rs. 0.04 per Kilowatt
Cement	Rs. 16.78 per tonne.
Steel	Rs. 152.70 per tonne.

The steps taken by the CIL to supply superior quality of coal to power, steel, cement, railways and defence sectors are as under :

(i) Careful segregation of shales and stones from coal, sizing/crushing of coal and elimination of stone boulder at the time of sizing/crushing.

(ii) Revision of grades of coal on the basis of extensive sampling/analysis.

(iii) Posting of Quality Control Officer or siding-in-charge in each colliery to supervise proper loading.

(iv) Regular sampling analysis at loading points through public analysis or third party agencies.

STATEMENT

Percentage of increase in the prices of coking coal, semi-Coking coal and A,B and C grades of non-coking coal effected on 20.10.96 by Coal India Limited over the prices of these grades of coal fixed on 1.4.96.

Category	Grade	For CCL, SECL ECL (Raniganj) and SP mines only for ECL)	For BCCL MCL, ECL (Mugma and Salanpur Area only)	For MCL	For WCL
1	2	3	4	5	6
Non-coking	A	12.06%	12.06%	12.04%	-
	B	12.14%	12.14%	12.07%	-
	C	8.14%	8.14%	8.14%	-
Coking Coal					
	Steel Grade-I	-	12.06%	-	-
	Steel Grade-II	-	12.07%	-	-
	Washery Grade-I	8.02%	12.03%	-	8.02%
	Washery Grade-II	8.03%	12.10%	-	8.03%
	Washery Grade-III	8.10%	12.07%	-	-
	Washery Grade-IV	8.15%	12.04%	-	-
Semi-Coking					
	Grade-I	8.02%	8.02%	8.02%	8.02%
	Grade-II	8.03%	8.03%	8.03%	8.03%

Note : CIL : Coal India Limited.
CCL : Central Coalfields Limited
SECL : South Eastern Coalfields Limited
ECL : Eastern Coalfields Limited
BCCL : Bharat Coking Coal Limited
NCL : Northern Coalfields Limited
MCL : Mahanadi Coalfields Limited
WCL : Western Coalfields Limited

[English]

Shortage of Raw Jute

460. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to acute shortage of Raw Jute and the decline in the prices of produced goods, many jute factories are on the verge of closure or thinking of closing of their shifts till the new arrivals of raw jute; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to stop the closure of these mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b). At present sufficient quantities of raw Jute are available at reasonable prices. All mills out of 73 units in the country except three mills one in U.P. one in Bihar and one in West Bengal are presently functioning normally. The mill at U.P. and the mill at Bihar are lying closed for more than ten years. The